

EAST CABOT

(Mrs. Wm. D. Barr, Correspondent.)
Arthur Reed did not go back to his school work at Lyndon as was reported last week on account of another case of scarlet fever there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powers of Walden were recent guests of Mrs. Etta Davenport.
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Abbott and daughter, Inez, spent Sunday at C. A. Badger's at East Montpelier.
Ernest Bolton of Bethlehem, N. H., has hired out to Harry Young to work for the season.

Gordon Young spent Sunday with his uncle, James Young, at Peacham.
Several from here attended the promenade at Cabot Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Heath of Cabot and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Witham of Walden were at I. C. Peck's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mills of Cabot were at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck's, the first of the week.

I. C. Peck spent several days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Houghton, at Danville.

Misses Maldene and Merna Walbridge of Cabot were guests at C. H. Austin's a few days the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gagnon of North Danville were recent guests at Henry Roy's.

H. G. Roy had an Empire milking machine installed last week.

Payson Walbridge and Mrs. Mary Hazlet and son Joseph of Cabot were at J. G. Hill's Sunday.

Jerry White of West Barnet was a business visitor at H. A. Young's Monday.

Several of the farmers have tapped their sugar trees but have not got much sap as yet.

E. E. Hall and Everett Chase spent Monday at Peacham.

Miss Inez Abbott is home from Hardwick for the Easter vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. S. E. Houghton spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Frank Walbridge, at Woodsville, N. H., last week.

Miss Gladys Armstrong of West Danville was at Harry Young's a few days last week.

Mrs. Phoebe Young of Peacham recently visited at Alvin Dunn's.

Phillip Currier of Lisbon, N. H., was a guest of his friend, Fred Hill, one day last week.

John Dunn of Hardwick was in this SEVEN

John H. A. and D. J. me place on business Monday.

Mrs. Charles Houghton and son Raymond of South Cabot were at J. G. Hill's Wednesday.

Richard Jeffords of Williamstown

was a recent business visitor at Charles Austin's.
Mrs. Orvis Shaw and Mrs. George Durette of Marshfield spent Thursday at George Drew's.

Harry Young carried the mail on the Peacham end of the route Saturday. Carrier V. D. Blake made a trip to St. Johnsbury.

LUNENBURG

Massachusetts People Getting Interested in Camp Winneshewauka.

(F. F. Balch, Correspondent.)
Prof. Talbot of South Hadley, Mass., was in town last week and purchased a camp site in Winona Park from the Winneshewauka company.

Prof. Talbot holds the chair of geology in Mt. Holyoke seminary, and will be accompanied by others of the faculty.

There is also a prospect that friends of hers will lease Forest Lodge for the season. Prof. Talbot was greatly pleased with the situation and admired the beautiful views seen from Camp Winneshewauka.

Union services were held in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, Rev. M. W. Russell preaching, as Rev. Alfred Bishop was in Montpelier attending conference.

Mrs. J. H. Cole and Miss Ruth Cole were also in Montpelier last week.

G. G. Temple is convalescent as his friends will be glad to learn. Miss Dodge, R. N., who has taken care of him, went on Monday to another case.

Mrs. C. W. Turner visited her father, J. W. Scott, in St. Johnsbury last week.

Lloyd Morgan is home from Kimball Union academy, Meriden, for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Flossie Carbee Poole and son Carson of Lancaster were guests of her father, Edward Carbee, and her sister, Mrs. Harland Ball, last week.

Fred Carbee has sold his farm to Wright, giving immediate possession. He is undecided as to his future plans.

Only a little maple syrup has been made in this vicinity so far, and farmers are anxiously looking for a storm before it is too late.

George Houston and family of Plymouth, N. H., were guests of his sisters, Mrs. John Murtaugh and Mrs. Ren Gee of South Lunenburg last week.

Mrs. Frank S. Bowker went on Monday to Boston.

Mr. Lilliecap of Concord was in South Lunenburg placing work in Riverside cemetery last week.

L. P. Leach of St. Johnsbury spent

the week-end with Karl O. Balch at Camp Winneshewauka, assisting in the sugar making.

Wesley King of Whitefield is with his uncle, W. G. King, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis came from Whitefield where they have been working and were at his father's for part of the week, going to Lancaster Monday.

Mr. Lewis has been ill and unable to work for a week or two.

Mrs. R. N. Wornwood has been seriously ill for several days, and on Sunday Dr. Leth of Lancaster was called in council with Dr. J. P. Sheeran, Miss Dodge, R. N., of Lancaster went on Monday to care for her.

WALDEN

(N. J. Kingsbury, Correspondent.)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson, who have been spending the winter in Cabot, returned to their home here last week.

Mrs. Edie Buck and daughter of Greensboro Bend spent part of last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Folsom.

Mrs. G. H. Kingsbury has been spending a week with friends in Montpelier.

Meda Bennett lost one of his valuable work horses last week.

Mrs. P. E. Hale has been sick for a week. Mildred Kittredge of Cabot is working there.

Mrs. Martha Carpenter has returned home from an extended visit to friends in New Hampshire.

H. L. Rogers was a business visitor in Northfield last week.

WEST DANVILLE

(Mrs. E. F. Ayer, Correspondent.)
The Ladies Aid will have a supper at the church Thursday, Apr. 6.

Miss Anna Erickson went to Land, N. H., Saturday where she is to test the spring term.

Mrs. Leon Perkins, who has been spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ayer, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Leslie Hardy and little son are visiting her father, Oliver McCosco.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Swasey spent Saturday at St. Johnsbury.

Clayton Farrington spent Friday at St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goss went to Pittsford last week to see their son Austin, who is in the sanatorium there. All will be glad to hear that he is gaining.

Miss Minnie Bliss of "Marshfield" spent last week at H. N. Swasey's.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Annual Report By Pres. Vail Shows Gross Resources of \$239,000,000.

That the American Telephone and Telegraph company and associated companies were nowhere a whole in a more satisfactory position financially, physically and particularly in their mutual relationship with the public is clearly shown in the annual report of President Theodore N. Vail, just issued.

The Bell System now connects 9,151,321 telephones, a gain of half a million stations in the past year. The total wire mileage owned is 18,500,000 of which 10,500,000 is underground. There are nearly 200,000 miles of phantom circuits which carry an overload from the wire circuits, and 8,652,400,000 telephone connections were made during the year.

The gross revenue in 1915 of the Bell System, not including the connecting independent companies, was \$239,900,000; an increase of over \$13,900,000 over last year. Of this, operating consumed \$84,500,000; taxes \$13,100,000 or 1.4 per cent on the outstanding capital obligations; current maintenance \$31,200,000 and provision for depreciation \$44,900,000. The surplus available for charges, etc., was \$66,200,000 of which \$18,100,000 was paid in interest and \$32,900,000 was paid in dividends.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The net earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph company for the year were \$41,117,487. The interest charges were \$6,498,849, and the dividends at the regular rate of 8 per cent per annum were \$29,100,591. Of the resulting balance there was carried to reserves \$2,500,000 and to surplus \$2,018,046.

The number of stockholders, 65,512, not including the 32,000 "employee" shareholders who are paying for stock out of their wages, shows an increase of 6,097. The majority of the company's shareholders are women. The financing for 1916 was taken care of by the sale of \$50,000,000 4 1/2 per cent coupon notes.

Mr. Vail says the Bell companies have been foremost to establish and propose to continue their efforts to maintain good wages and good working conditions for their employees, a condition of the utmost importance to the efficiency of the service to the public. He shows that since every legal safeguard has been thrown around employees, the combination of employees leading to the suspension of the service and the inconvenience of the public, should not be possible. "Such action on the part of the employees of a 'public utility' is as unjustifiable and unpardonable as would be an arbitrary suspension of service by the utility."

Conclusions.

In conclusion he says that the Bell companies have established good relations between their employees and the public, have passed the danger which arose from a promoting speculative boom, and the springing up of unscrupulous duplicating enterprises. Furthermore, the apprehensions that rate-adjusting bodies might bear hard on rates and reduce them to an unprofitable point, have not been realized.

Mr. Vail states that, "So long as the policies which now control the companies are followed, so long as there are fair rates and good service there is little danger of public ownership."

"The public are recognizing the fact that in the rates charged for telephone service in the United States there is no exaction, and are beginning to believe that these charges are the cheapest in the world, and the service the best and the total cost to the public is less than it would be under government ownership."

"With a reasonably satisfied public; with a reasonably liberal public; with a reasonably inclined federal, state and municipal control and regulation; with any onerous or unreasonable

demands in sight or probable; with a normal business requiring only normal amounts of future capital; with a system sufficiently in advance of existing conditions to meet all possible demands or exigencies; with a business of such a nature that it may be the most economical 'servant' for social or commercial intercourse, the first to be employed, the last to be discharged; with an operating staff from office boy to senior executive, from newest to oldest, who look upon the system as their system, who are jealous of its reputation and zealous in support of it; who have a keen interest in its improvement and development; who believe that their success and the company's success are inseparable, who are never satisfied except with something better and who recognize their obligations to the public—with all these, we should look forward with confidence to the future."

RURAL CREDIT TRICKSTERS

Farmers Warned to Be Cautious in Dealing with Them.

The department has recently received letters from a number of farmers who have subscribed for stock in rural credit companies, including so-called co-operative companies which appear to have no public-opera-tive features, says the Weekly News Letter of the Department of Agriculture.

In some of these letters the complaint is made that the agents selling the stock make misrepresentations as to when loans may be obtained by subscribers and that the companies later disclaim responsibility for the statements made by the agents.

In a number of instances, farmers seem to have gained the idea from the agent that they would be able to secure loans within a relatively short time, and express disappointment on realizing that they must wait for an indefinite period for the promised loan and go on making payments just the same on the stock which they have agreed to take.

Where farmers are confronted with a proposition of this character, they should first read the prospectus and the contract very carefully and make sure that they know exactly what these mean, especially the contract. If the contract is so worded that its meaning is not clear after a careful reading, this in itself should be reason enough for extra caution. The agent's explanation of the contract is not a part of the contract, nor is his promise that they will do things not specified in the contract by any means sure to be recognized by the company.

Farmers ought, first, to find out what provision has been made for the protection of the interests of subscribers, either through responsible government supervision over the activities of the company, or in any other way, and if they are in doubt they should consult competent advisors with regard to the responsibility of the company before paying over, or agreeing to pay over, their own good money. Always, in the matter of subscription to stock in any kind of a company, they should exercise caution.

Order your sugar labels now.

Primary Law Explained.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the papers and people who were opposed to the direct primary to attempt to discredit it before it is even given a trial but the foregoing from the Caledonian seems to be a reasonable search for information and The Banner as one of those who favored the primary will do its best to answer the questions asked.

The ordinary meaning of the word plurality as applied to elections is "more than the number received by any other candidate for the same office." We have no idea that this new primary law changes the meaning of the word. If majority had been meant it would have been so stated for majority is just as easy a word to write as plurality.

The petitions for the presidential primary should be filed with the secretary of state. Paragraph (g) of Section 6 prescribes where petitions shall be filed for state and congressional offices. Section 27 which provides for the presidential primary says "the primary shall be held * * * in the manner and form prescribed for candidates for office on the state ticket." This clause is limited in Section 26 by the words "so far as they may be applicable."

These several sections seem to answer the Caledonian's query relative to filing.

As to expressing a choice for Hughes, Roosevelt or Root, the voters of Vermont are in the same position as the voters of other states. All three of these men have forbidden the use of their names on primary ballots or in any other way to indicate a candidacy on their part. They have a right to make this request.

The Banner does not believe that Root is desired as a candidate by any considerable number of Vermont Republicans but does think that Hughes and Roosevelt both have earnest and enthusiastic supporters here. Under these peculiar and unprecedented circumstances why not leave the ballot blank and let the voters write in the name of the candidate they desire?

This would give a splendid opportunity for a spontaneous expression of opinion on the part of Vermont Republicans, something that they do not always have a chance to make known. The vote probably would not be large but it would be a test as to how much genuine sentiment there is back of the various candidates whose names have been suggested.

Section 6 as quoted by The Caledonian above applies to the state primary rather than the presidential primary. It controls the presidential choice only as far as applicable and for that reason it is not necessary to secure the written assent of a presidential candidate for the reason that the state of Vermont has no control over candidates living in other states.

The state will be represented at Chicago by delegates elected at a state convention and each town will elect delegates to this convention the same as heretofore. These delegates will be furnished a certified statement of the vote cast in the presidential primary and will be morally but not legally bound to heed the preference indicated.

dictated. It seems to The Banner an ideal way of getting at the actual sentiment of the Republican voters of Vermont. Any citizen worthy of being chosen a delegate to a national convention should welcome a showing of preference while at the same time he would not be bound in case the choice of Vermont voters were not a candidate and was out of the running. —Bennington Banner.

WEST LUNENBURG

(Mrs. W. H. Carpenter, Correspondent.)

H. L. Dodge of Easton, N. H., was in the place one day last week.

Gilbert Covey is moving to his farm recently purchased of Mr. Hendrick on Baptist Hill.

Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter who has been quite ill is better.

W. H. Carpenter attended the funeral of Mrs. Lilla McDonald at East Concord Saturday.

Mrs. James Nichols has been sick the past week.

Ray Bennett was in Lancaster Friday on business.

A dull hoe is a poor tool, so is old type. Our linotype gives a new face for every job.

Libel for Divorce.

CALEDONIA COUNTY COURT
Edward A. Simpson vs. June Term

May P. Simpson A. D. 1916.

Whereas, Edward A. Simpson, now in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, has filed in the office of the Clerk of Caledonia County Court, his Libel for Divorce, setting forth in substance, that on the 8th day of October A. D. 1911, he was lawfully married to May P. Simpson, now of parts unknown without the State of Vermont, that he afterwards cohabited with the said libelee in the State of Vermont; that during cohabitation he on his part has faithfully kept the marriage covenant; that the libelee, wilfully and without just cause, deserted the libellant for three consecutive years, and that since the 9th day of March, 1912, she has refused and still does refuse to cohabit with him.

And praying that the bonds of matrimony between him and the said libelee be dissolved, and that he be granted a bill of divorce.

And it being made to appear, upon satisfactory proof, by way of affidavit, that the libelee is without this State so that a citation cannot be served upon her, and that the libellant has made diligent inquiry and does not know where the libelee resides.

Therefore, it is ordered that notice of the pendency of said libel be given to said libelee by publication of the substance thereof, together with this order, in the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1916, at which time the said May P. Simpson is ordered to appear and answer to said libel.

Given under my hand, at St. Johnsbury, in the County of Caledonia, this 28th day of March, A. D. 1916.

ALBRO F. NICHOLS, Clerk.
PORTER, WITTERS & HARVEY, Attorneys.

Libel for Divorce

CALEDONIA COUNTY COURT
Margaret J. Lemere, vs. June Term

Edward J. Lemere, A. D. 1916.

Whereas, Margaret J. Lemere of St. Johnsbury, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont, has filed in the office of the Clerk of Caledonia County Court, her Libel for Divorce, setting forth in substance, that on

the 2nd day of March A. D. 1914, she was lawfully married to Edward J. Lemere, now of parts unknown without the State of Vermont. That she afterwards cohabited with the said libelee in the State of Vermont; that during cohabitation she on her part has faithfully kept the marriage covenant; that the libelee, by reason of such intolerable severity, was forced to, and did cease to cohabit with the libelee; that libelee being of sufficient pecuniary and physical ability to provide suitable maintenance for her, has without cause, grossly, wantonly and cruelly refused and neglected so to do; that the libelee did, at St. Johnsbury, in the County of Caledonia, on the 28th day of April, 1914, and on divers other days, commit the crime of adultery with divers persons to the libellant at present unknown.

And praying that the bonds of matrimony between her and the said libelee be dissolved, and that she be granted a bill of divorce.

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